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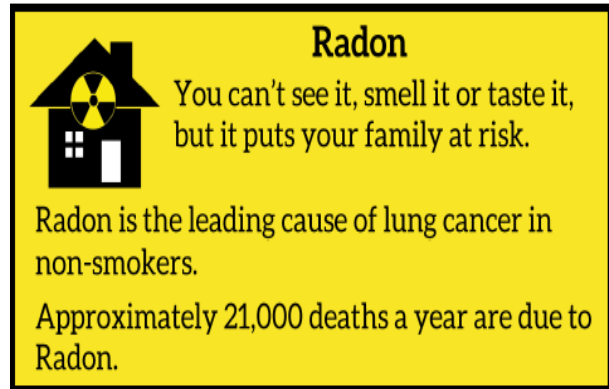
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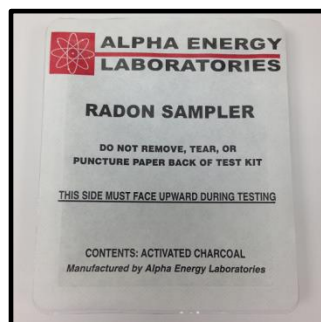
JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH!

Eau Claire, WI – January 12, 2015. ***Each year, radon kills more people than home fires, drowning, falls or drunk driving.*** The United States Environmental Protection Administration (U.S.E.P.A.) and The Eau Claire City-County Health Department are encouraging everyone to learn more about radon.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the soil beneath and around some of our homes. In some homes here in Eau Claire it accumulates to levels that create a risk to the residents.



Radon test results of over 1200 homes in the Eau Claire area, tested between 1985 and 2010 have found that thirty-seven percent (37%) of homes have radon levels that exceed the USEPA safety standard of 4 pCi/L. Of those homes with exceeding levels, three percent (4%) have recorded a level of 20.0 pCi/L or above (a level that would require immediate action to protect the home residents).



Even though there are statistics for radon levels locally in the Eau Claire area, there is no way to predict what the level of radon will be in your home. The only way to know is to test. Radon has no smell, taste or color, and therefore, it is impossible to detect with the human senses. It can be easily measured with a simple and inexpensive test. Test kits for this purpose can be purchased from the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, which is located on the ground floor of the Eau Claire County Courthouse at 720 Second Avenue. If you decide to test your home, use only test kits approved by the U.S.E.P.A.

If elevated radon levels are found in a home, the home can be fixed at a reasonable cost. A trained and certified contractor should do all the contracting work. For more information on radon and radon testing, please contact the West Central Regional Radon Information Center at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-839-4718 or visit our website at www.eauclairewi.gov/radon. You can also obtain information at the Wisconsin Dept. of Health website www.lowradon.org.

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